Setting up of Secretariats

1560. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up secretariats for the hill people of Uttar Pradesh nearer to their homes, in Dehradun and Nainital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these secretariats are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, various offices of the Government of Uttar Pradesh at Dehradun and Nainital have been strengthened and powers decentralised for focussed development of the region.

Police Constable for MPs

1561. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some letters from hon'ble Members of Parliament during the period July 1, 1996 to October 31, 1996 of making them available police constables for the protection of their life and property;

(b) if so, the details of these MPs who have sent such letters to the Government;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the requests of these MPs have been considered;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action being taken by the Government for the protection of life and property of those MPs who have made such requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (g). From Ist July, 96 to 31st Oct., 1996, 47 letters were received from MPs concerning their security. Security is provided to MPs in Delhi on the basis of perceived level of threat as per the assessment of the security agencies. Requests for security are considered by the Government and security is provided where considered necessary, based on the perceived level of threat.

Involvement of Foreign Companies in Seeds Sector

1562. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of foreign companies working with or without collaborations with the Indian companies on the research, distribution, stock and sale of seeds;

(b) whether the Government propose to undertake a study about the impact because of these companies on the seeds sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The names of foreign companies which have been approved for technical/financial collaboration in the seed sector are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

(d). Government constantly monitors the position regarding the overall supply and availability of seeds in the country taking into account the performance of both public and private sector companies. Considering that foreign seed companies play only a minor role in the Seed sector, no separate study on their impact has been undertaken.

STATEMENT

Names of foreign Companies approved for Technical/ Financial collaboration in the Seeds Sector from August, 1991 to September, 1996

S.No.	Name of the Foreign Company.
1	2
1.	Intl. Reforestation Suppliers, Australia.
2.	Environment Emergency Sner PTY IW, Australia.
3.	Dovro PTY Ltd. Australia.
4.	PGS International N.V., Belgium.
5.	Institute of Field & Vegetable Crop, Cyprus.
6.	Kemira OY, Finland.
7.	Richer S.A., France.
8.	Rustica Semences, France.
9.	Asia Ventures Internaticnal, Isreal.
10.	Rahan meristem Propagation, Isreal.
11.	V.S. Hitech Indl. Dev. Ltd. Isreal.
12.	Hardar Nurseries, Isreal.
13.	Sayag Nurseries, Isreal.
14.	Bickel Bio-Technology Ltd., Isreal.
15.	Dowelance Agricultural Pro. Ltd., Mauritius.
16.	Nippon Hybrid Rice (Mauritius), Mauritius.
17.	MS Hase Elke, Germany.
18.	Rosen Tantau, Germany.
19.	Iohmann Tierzue HT, Germany.